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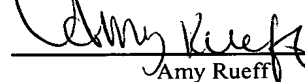
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John C. Seibel, et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this application, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, line 1, please replace the entire paragraph with the following re-written paragraph: